## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT

MATTHEW EDWARD VOOG,

Petitioner,

v. : File No. 1:11-cv-76-jgm

:

ANDREW PALLITO, :

Respondent.

## **ORDER**

The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation was filed October 11, 2011. (Doc. 21.) After <u>de novo</u> review and over objection, the Report and Recommendation is AFFIRMED, APPROVED and ADOPTED. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Respondent's partial motion to dismiss (Doc. 3) is GRANTED. Petitioner's habeas petition filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Paper 1) is DENIED. Further, Petitioner's motion for judgment as a matter of law (Doc. 8) and motion to order the production of documents (Doc. 16) are DENIED, and this case is DISMISSED without prejudice.

Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 22(b), the Court DENIES petitioner a certificate of appealability ("COA") because the petitioner failed to make a substantial showing of a denial of a constitutional right. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). In addition, because the petition has been dismissed on procedural grounds, the petitioner cannot be issued a COA due to his failure to demonstrate that "jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its

procedural ruling." <u>See Slack v. McDaniel</u>, 529 U.S. 473, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1604, 146 L. Ed. 2d 542 (2000).

It is further certified that any appeal taken in forma pauperis from this Order would not be taken in good faith because such an appeal would be frivolous. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Brattleboro, in the District of Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

/s/ J. Garvan Murtha
Honorable J. Garvan Murtha
United States District Judge